

636 State Research Projects on CRP Land**A Research Project Applications**

State FSA Offices shall notify, in writing:

- each land grant institution within the State that STC shall:
 - review and evaluate applications based on the criteria in subparagraph 636 G
 - ensure that each proposal submitted has been reviewed for relevance and scientific soundness by an independent review committee, such as the State Technical Committee
- Director, CEPD of approved projects within 30 calendar days of project approval. Documentation shall include:
 - description of project
 - number of acres being used
 - expected completion date.

STC may approve up to 5 recommended projects, including projects DAFP previously approved. When considering projects for approval, STC shall avoid approving duplicative projects.

B Recordkeeping

Ensure that a file containing the following is maintained according to 25-AS:

- all land grant institutions notified according to subparagraph A
- all research projects submitted for consideration **regardless** of whether the project was recommended for DAFP approval.

C Annual Reporting Requirement

State FSA Offices with approved CRP research projects shall annually submit, as a memorandum, Status of CRP Research Project Report (CEP-58R) to Director, CEPD. At a minimum, CEP-58R shall include:

- information regarding the progress of project
- anticipated completion date.

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CRP research project proposals submitted to STC for rating and evaluation shall include a:

- brief summary of the proposed research project
- formal research proposal.

E Project Title

Include “(State) CRP Research Project Proposal” in the title of the research project.

F Background Statement

The background statement in the proposal shall describe the following:

- the conservation or land use problem being addressed
- demographic information, such as number of CRP acres, size of farm units, and number of producers
- conservation and agronomic conditions
- water quality program efforts that exist in the research area, if applicable
- what the problem is, in a concise manner.

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G Project Objectives

The proposal shall include the research project, and:

- clearly describe what will be accomplished during the research period
- relate to the problem identified in the background statement
- describe what is planned during the research.

The proposed research project shall:

- include objectives that are consistent with CRP purposes
- provide beneficial information on the economically and environmentally sound agriculture practices
- not adversely affect local agricultural markets
- include adequate funding for completing the project from sources other than FSA or CCC
- be conducted and monitored by a bona fide research entity, such as a land grant institution
- be conducted on no more than 640 CRP acres per project.

H Project Research Activities

The procedure section shall describe research activities that will:

- be implemented to accomplish the objectives in subparagraph G
- be organized to reflect a logical sequence of events and activities
- identify dates, time schedules, and deadlines
- define roles of respective agencies
- include a plan for marketing and promoting the project, including public participation.